

WORLD'S RICH MEN.

MILLIONAIRES FOUND IN ALMOST EVERY LAND.

Germany and Austria prominent in the Golden Book—Great Fortunes of Russia, China, Africa, India, America and Spanish South America.

Germany is not generally regarded as a land of rich men, and yet the golden book should have a very large section devoted to Germany and Austria-Hungary. It is true that most of the names would have been Prince before them, but being of royal blood does not alter the fact of wealth. Without counting the private properties of the sovereigns, who ought not to be included, there are a dozen of so Teutonic Highnesses whose wealth, not merely in lands, but in money, is enormous. For example, that of the father of the present Prince of Bulgaria was counted by many millions sterling. Many of the deposed monarchs, again, are very rich, for no exile has ceased to be a synonym for poverty. No one, of course, knows the exact wealth of the Orleans family, but it is very great, and even the Bourbons are well off. Don Carlos, in spite of the money he has spent on Spanish and other adventures, is a millionaire.

The Russian Empire would also make a good show, for although the great landed proprietors have suffered of late years, many of the merchants and financiers have done exceedingly well. If rumor is to be trusted, some of the officials are also very rich. Fabulous sums are attributed to some in particular. The millionaires of Africa would, we suppose, be confined to Kimberley and the Rand; but possibly there are some large fortunes in Cairo among the Levantine colony. Asia will probably make a very respectable show in the golden book. It is true that in the Turkish and Persian empires millionaires are never long-lived, and this fact tends to their non-existence; but for all that, some of the Smyrna Greeks and Damascus Jews ought to be able to gain admission. India, on the other hand, if the native princes who do not possess sovereign rights are counted, as they must be, contains a great number of extremely rich men. Not only are there merchants in the great cities who are worth several millions in personal property, but there are also four or five great Zemindars who have incomes which represent the interest on two or three millions sterling. The reaction against thinking of India as a place of wealth has, in fact, been carried too far; and we are apt to forget that princely fortunes are still made and kept there.

The truth about the Chinese fortunes would be most curious if it could be discovered. Unfortunately, it is the land of the crypto-millionaires, of the men who live in little low houses and hoard gold ingots in the shape of Naples biscuits. It is known, however, that the Empress Dowager is among the richest, if not the richest, persons alive; while Li Hung Chang, unless he has been plundered, which is unlikely, must also have vast wealth. Outside China the Chinese are often very rich, and dare to show their wealth. For example, it is always said, and as far as we know with truth, that several of the Chinese merchants of Singapore are men of enormous riches. With the American millionaire it is hardly necessary to deal. What place is not full of the report of his dollars? It should, however, be noted that, though one or two of the American fortunes are beyond the domain of avarice, the number of "warm men" is in proportion to population, not so great as it is here. There are, that is, not so many great, but far more small, millionaires in England. The man who reaches the \$5,000,000 mark is apt either to lose it all again, or else to turn it into \$50,000,000 or \$100,000,000.

Spanish South America is not, as a rule, regarded as a place for rich men, yet, as a matter of fact, Chili, Mexico, Brazil and the Argentine have all within the last thirty years produced fortunes on the great scale, and not very long ago the greatest heiress in the world was said to be the only daughter of a South American millionaire—London Spectator.

SHIPS CLAIMED BY THE WAVES.

Great Britain's Losses by Shipwreck the Smallest in the World.

Losses at sea sustained by the merchant service of the world in the last year are set forth in a report prepared by the British government, copies of which have been received here. Great Britain, with over 12,000,000 tons afloat, has the lowest percentage of losses.

Startling figures are presented as to the number of steamers and sailing craft reported "missing" and now regarded as lost by insurance underwriters. No less than twenty-four steamers sailed out of various ports last year and have never been heard from, and seventy-nine sailing vessels, and never reached their destination, both classes representing a total tonnage of 72,773. In addition ninety-six ships, representing eighty-five sailing craft and eleven steamers, have been abandoned at sea.

As a result of all the losses the gross reduction in the mercantile marine of the world is shown to be 1,141 vessels of 820,725 tons, excluding vessels of less than 100 tons.

Great Britain's rate of loss is 2.23 per cent, the next on the list being Germany, with 2.33 per cent. Germany and the United States are now making a "neck-and-neck" race as regards the total number of vessels owned, the latter having 2,135,677 tons and the former 2,133,381 tons. Austria-Hungary is third in point of rate of loss, with 3.18 per cent, and then come Russia, with 3.23 per cent, and the United States, with 4.14 per cent. The other nations are in the following order: Italy, 4.34 per cent; France, 4.43; Holland, 4.92; Spain, 5.01; Norway, 5.55; and Sweden, 5.93—New York Herald.

FASCINATING CAIRO.

The Most Picturesque and Interesting of Oriental Cities.

From its founding in 669 by the Fatimite califs, as an offshoot of the tented settlements of Fostat, to the present rule of Abbas Pasha, seventh Khe-

div, or viceroy, of the dynasty of Mehemet Ali, Cairo—capital of Egypt, metropolis of the African teaching—has had a romantic history. Scene of famous exploits of great personages, from Saladin to Napoleon, of sanguinary conflicts between Christianity and Islamism, and the memorable massacre of the Mamelukes; cradle of religion and cults; home of the "Arabian Nights" tales; the place where lasting principles of philosophy and science were conceived, and where Bible scenes were laid, Cairo has become the meeting-ground of winter idlers from every clime.

Cairo looks old, but comparatively is not; Alexandria has the appearance of newness, but was twelve hundred years old before the first stone of the present capital was laid. But the Cairo of to-day is only the development of Fostat, Old Cairo, New Babylon, and Heliopolis, probably. There has always been a great city there or thereabouts, changing in appellation with its locale.

The visit to Egypt has become almost as essential to Americans—and fully half of the eight thousand winter visitors are from the States—as the pilgrimage of good Mohammedans to Mecca. The Mohammedan religion takes them but once to the sacred city of the prophet, but pleasure draws those favored by fortune to the Nile capital time after time. Cairo is more than interesting; it is fascinating. The antiquarian, the student, and the savant have always been at home there; and the invalid, real or imaginary, seeking a climate, finds in and about the khedival city the superlative of air and temperature.

Artists never weary of reproducing Cairo's picturesque scenes and vivid colorings. The blue of the skies, the splendor of the setting sun, the Turner-esque afterglow, and the delicate browns of the desert, seem to be best suggested in water-colors. Like Venice, Egypt demands a master hand in oils. The traveler of impressionable nature yields to the fascination of Cairo's far beyond the Orient's threshold, and doubly satisfying, because found within a half-hour of the creature comforts of hotels conspicuously modern. To walk the streets of an Oriental capital wherein history has been made, between minarets, as it were, and delve by day in museums and mosques perpetuating a mysterious past, and dine delectable in the evening, with the best music in Europe at hand, explains a charm that Cairo has for mortals liking to witness Eastern life provided they are not compelled to become a part of it. If Egypt disappoints, the indecisive idler can in four or five days be back in Paris or the Riviera.—Century.

First Governed City.

The leading and most commendable feature of the management of public affairs is the principle of the sinking fund, which is applied to every enterprise or business in which the municipality is interested. Whatever debts it has are on the sure and safe road to liquidation by the automatic operation of the sinking fund device. By this means the city of Glasgow will, inside of fifty years, furnish free water to its citizens; give them the best electric lights free; electric or water power at cost; allow them to ride on its electric road at the nominal fare of 2 cents for any distance, and furnish to all free use of a magnificent public library.

The city affairs are managed by business men with the same prudence with which they would manage their own affairs; the question of party politics enters into no local election, and it seems to be the object of the municipality to administer the city's finances in an economical way, to improve the public health in its physical and moral basis, and to give happiness to its citizens. Its success in all these has been so marked as to command the admiration of the civilized world and to gain for itself the appellation of the best governed city on the face of the globe.—American Magazine of Civics.

"Witch" Hazel.

According to Meehan's Monthly, the correct name for Hamamelis Virginica is not witch hazel, but wych hazel. Our plant has no connection with the magic of the water hunter. The blackthorn of England, Prunus spinosa, was the wood used in these divinations, or whatever these superstitious practices may be termed. Hazel had a very wide meaning in the olden times, and the elm, as well as the nut now known as such, was hazel. One of these elms, now known as Ulmus Montana, was the favorite wood for making wyes, or provision chests, and was therefore known as the wych hazel. In the present day it is the wych elm. Our Hamamelis received from the early settlers the name of wych hazel from the resemblance of the leaves to those of the wych hazel or elm of the old world. Language reformers imagining that wych should be spelled witch are responsible for the confusion. Wych hazel is the correct term for our plant.

Reindeer as Racers.

The popularity of horse racing in Russia is seriously threatened by the introduction of the reindeer as the rival of the horse, says the Golden Penny. The reindeer is among the swiftest of quadrupeds and can outstrip the swiftest of horses. It is estimated that he could give the fleetest Derby winner a start of half a mile and beat him easily over the Derby race course, while for a short distance he reaches a speed of sixty miles an hour. A St. Petersburg merchant has constructed a special course for this new sport, and the novel excitement is looked forward to with great eagerness by sport-loving Russians. It is expected that before long reindeer will be harnessed to sleighs and that most exhilarating of pastimes made more exciting still.

How Diamonds Are Cut.

Diamonds are cut in three different forms—the rose, the brilliant and the table, of which the second is the prettiest. It is a double pyramid, or cone, of which the top is cut off to form a large plane, and at the bottom directly opposite to a small plane.

He fin an argument—Well, thank goodness, I'm not two-faced. She—You ought to be thankful. One face like yours is enough.—Ex.

By the time a man is able to supply all his wants he doesn't want very much.



HON. SOL A. LEWINSOHN,

Strongly Backed for City Treasurer.

Hon. S. A. Lewinsohn, who resides in the Thirty-second Ward, is strongly backed for the Democratic nomination for City Treasurer. Mr. Lewinsohn stands high in financial and business circles, consequently it is believed that his name would prove a tower of strength on the city ticket. He has been a life-long Democrat and a loyal and aggressive worker for party success, having always contributed liberally of his time and means for the supremacy of the party of Jefferson and Jackson. A number of wards have already endorsed Mr. Lewinsohn's candidacy, believing him to be the right man for City Treasurer, as his whole record in private life has been above reproach, and without a blemish. The high esteem in which he is held in Chicago commercial circles proves that the funds of the "Garden City of the West" will be safe in the keeping of this popular Democratic Thirty-second Ward favorite. As a candidate to be made the "watch dog" of the city's funds, Mr. Lewinsohn will command the suffrages of the thousands of independent voters of Chicago, because he possesses the confidence of the masses, on account of his well-known business career.

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One Man's Success in Dealing with Them—Another Man's Failure.

"I don't know of anything more exasperating than an inattentive clerk," said a mild-mannered little man on the street car the other night, "but unless you have a certain aplomb, a way about you, so to speak, you might as well endure the cross in silence. Now, I have a friend," he continued, "who possesses such a gift, and, needless to say, he is never neglected. I went into a store with him the other day, and the young woman at the counter where we stopped continued conversing calmly with another young woman in the next department. 'My dear madame,' said my friend blandly, 'I trust you will pardon me for intruding upon that important discussion, but if you—' 'What do you wish?' said the clerk, looking startled. 'Do not be angry,' my friend replied, 'I know, of course, that the occasional interruption of customers must be very annoying, and no doubt—' By that time the poor girl was in a nervous flutter, and I really felt sorry for her. When we went out I expressed surprise at the ease with which her attention had been secured, and my friend laughed. 'Oh, it's no trick at all,' he said. 'All you have to do is to keep cool yourself.'"

"Next day I was fool enough to try the system myself, after I had camped beside a counter for ten minutes waiting for a large and haughty lady to conclude a conversation. 'My dear madame—I began, trying to imitate my friend's sang froid. 'Sit!' exclaimed the saleslady, wheeling on me suddenly and freeing my blood with a ferocious glare. 'My dear,' I stammered, 'my dear—' Really, I could go no further. My tongue stuck to the roof of my mouth, and I could feel the sweat breaking out on my forehead. I know I must have looked the picture of helpless imbecility. 'What do you mean by calling me your dear and things like that?' demanded the enraged Amazon. That earthly reply could I make? I did the only thing possible—I got up and sneaked out, expecting every minute to feel a policeman grab me by the collar. So, as I said before, unless you have the way about you, you might as well put up with these little annoyances. The faculty of blandly bluffing one's fellow-beings is something that can't be acquired."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Lover with an Appetite.

The driver of a slow passenger train noticed that the stoker always stared intently at the windows of a certain cottage near the line, and curiosity impelled him to ask for an explanation of the habit.

"My girl lives there," said the stoker sentimentally.

"Then I suppose she sits in the window watching for you?" surmised the driver.

"No, she don't; she ain't time to play the fool," grunted the stoker. "I only look to see whether the window blind's up or down. If it's up, I know it's courtin' night; if it's down I know it ain't; that's all."

"And do you always visit her when you see the blind up?"

"You bet I do, boss," answered the stoker heartily. "It's one of her trips an' onlon nights, an' she knows I should not turn up but for that. Courtin' is a dry game without a tasty supper to help it along."—London Tid-Bits.

A Noble Game Fish.

According to anglers who have tried conclusions with him the Cape salmon as a game fish is a formidable rival to the famed American tarpon. It belongs to the herring family and is called "king of the herrings." In weight it runs from four to twelve pounds, is very shy and tender-mouthed, and when hooked rushes away at racehorse speed, leaping into the air, flashing like a sword in the sunlight and generally escapes, greatly to the chagrin of Sir Isaac. He who can hook, play and land a ten-pound Cape salmon must be a past master in the art.

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